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From the President

Rick Heinrich, N0YY

Well we slide quietly into the fall and the upcoming DX and contest season. Sunspot numbers have really started their decline but there are still a few DXpeditions to keep us interested. The good news is that with the coming of the winter months we can expect quieter conditions on the low-bands and with lower indices we should be able to hear the good stuff again. I was already amazed at the strength of the recent FO operations on the low bands. They were STRONG on 75M!

Summer made its impact on us with some of us losing antennas to winds and weather. It was also a bit more relaxed until late in August when we were reminded what Iowa summers were like. I even finished the first phase of my antenna projects including lightning repairs for the third time since the tower went up. Riding the bucket on one of Coonrod's cranes sure was lot easier than taking all the hardware out of the sky

and fixing things one at a time. I even put some of Terry's "static porcupines" at the top of the mast to see if I can convince the lightning to look elsewhere! I'm finally on all bands 160-10M by adding the 80M Delta Loop and the 160 Inverted-L with elevated radials!

The summer picnic was again outstanding! My thanks to Heinz and Karin for hosting another fine event. Further kudos to Terry and Shanna as the consummate chefs for our heart healthy (?) meal! And thanks to all who came and brought the wonderful trimmings to the meal.

This year's fall meeting is about a week earlier than normal to accommodate the W0DXCC Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 18th. I hope all those who can attend have a good time and travel safely. There will be an ICOM IC-706 MkII raffled off at the event. More details will be included in the newsletter.

On a personal note, Jeff - N0DY, our able bodied VP and Newsletter Editor has decided to move to the warmer climes of

California. I will miss his participation in EIDX and more I will miss his energy in helping motivate me in contesting and station building. I know I speak for the entire club in wishing Jeff well in his new pursuits.

The program for the meeting will be a surprise! (Even for me!) We have a couple of alternatives but neither is firm at this point. So stay tuned!

And on the website front... Travel has kept me far too busy to finish what I've started. I guess my good intentions have fallen a bit short. So if you are interested in helping with the club website, both in design and maintenance, drop me a note and we'll talk at the meeting about where I am and where we need to go.

And another comment related to the website. I want to include a strong member section, but I need your help. I need details from all of our members to help provide some background on interests, capabilities, and some personal detail. I don't have a structured form at this point, but let me know what you think and just provide some info to help let everyone know who you are!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Friday, October 10th at Kirkwood.

73
Rick

The Editor's Corner
By Jeff NØDY

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my first editor's corner for the newsletter. It has been quite an eventful year for me. I've had the opportunity to visit Beijing and Xi'an, China, participate in a DXpedition to C5, visit nearby

Senegal, and spend a significant amount of time in the warm climate of California.

It's this last point I need to talk with you about. It turns out that I'm going to be spending all my time in California, as I've accepted a job there with my company. From a DX perspective, it's definitely a move down – no way will I be able to erect an antenna farm of even the modest proportions I had here in Iowa.

I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve the club as vice president. The club is a great bunch of people, and it will be hard to read the newsletters in California knowing I won't be able to attend the upcoming meetings.

Thanks to all of you for the trust you've placed in me to serve you as VP of the club. Thanks to all of you who fought the pileup and worked me from C5. And especially thanks to those of you who helped mentor a newbie DXer and contesteer into these fascinating, maddening, and esoteric areas of our hobby.

73's
Jeff

The WØDXCC Convention

The 2003 WØDXCC Convention will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 18th at the Holiday Inn. The following is a list of the planned activities:

8:00 Registration
8:30 Opening Ceremonies
9:00 to 12:00 Morning Seminars and Breaks
12:00 to 2:00 Lunch Program and Breakout
2:00 to 5:00 Afternoon Seminars and Breaks
5:00 to 7:00 Evening Breakout

7:00 WØDXCC DX Banquet

Scheduled Speakers include:

**KØIR Ralph Fedor - A History of DX-
peditioning in the Antarctic Entities**

**KØLW Lee Ward/KBØU Rick Barnett -
Your WØ Buro.**

**K9LA Carl Luetzelschwab - Cycle 23
Status and WØ-Land Propagation**

N7NG Wayne Mills - DXAC/ARRL

**WØGJ Glenn Johnson, CQ DX Hall of
Fame - Bhutan Update/4-Squares- Not
just for the Low Bands!**

**WØIZ Igor Zdorov - BQ9P Pratas/7P8
Lesotho**

W8JI Tom Rauch - 160 Meter DXing

**For more info, visit the website at:
www.w0dxcc.com**

Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the Eastern Iowa DX Association will be on Friday, October 10, 2003 at 7:30 in Room 219C Linn Hall on the Kirkwood Community College campus. Doors open at 6:30 pm for eyeball QSOs. Monitor 145.19 for directions if needed. See you there



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